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"Red Hat" <RedHat@redhat.rgc2.net> wrote:

- > November was a busy month for Microsoft and the US judicial system.
- > It began when the Department of Justice announced it had reached a
- > settlement of the antitrust suit against the company. The DOJ had
- > previously found Microsoft to be a monopolist, but the settlement
- > included no punishment for past actions and left doubt as to its
- > protections against future monopolistic practices.
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- > The DOJ is collecting your letters about the settlement via email. We
- > encourage you to share your opinions.
- > send your letters to: microsoft.atr@usdoj.gov

That's my opinion. The global position of Microsoft's Windows has made it the world's leader in operating systems. That is ok as long as it is considered as a market competition. But, when such a leader position is used to remove competitive products in areas that are not so close to (or just not needed to be used by) an operating system - then it is the monopol.

It makes me wonder why the DOJ (or any other US official) doesn't include any punishment for past actions, because that might motivate other similar cases. In the same time, looks that such "justice" is very "gentle" to the monopolyst that is an US company. Would it be the same when a non-US company behaved like Mocrosoft? It won't be good if such "justice" works for only those players who might belong to the US "national interests", but does not for others.

Regards,

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